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Jamey Stoddard to: Harriet Kaufman Cc: Katherine Brown, Tami Fordham

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Harriet,

At this point it would just be an EPA-Tyonek meeting. However, we will also be extending an invitation to the other Cook Inlet Tribal governments as well, but are not sure of the timing at this point. We were thinking it may make sense to invite them to the meeting, but also want to be sensitive to the desires of the Council, if in fact they would prefer to meet individually with EPA. Do you think that is something you could discuss with Angela and the Council (i.e., whether or not they have objections to other Cook Inlet Tribal governments attending the meeting)? Since Tyonek is in G2G consultation and is a cooperating agency on the EIS, I understand if the Council would prefer that we meet separately. Do you know when the next Council meeting is? I would like to send the invites to the other Tribal governments soon, but want to lock in a date with you guys first and also see if it is ok to invite them to the meeting.

Anyway, EPA representatives would include myself, Patty McGrath (EPA Region 10 Mining Coordinator) and Katherine Brown and Tami Fordham (Tribal Coordinators). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the issue of EPA discontinuing our role as lead agency on the EIS for the Chuitna Coal Project, outline our rationale behind that decision, discuss the outcome of our June 9 meeting with the Corps of Engineers, and then discuss our proposed path for moving forward. Let me know if you have any additional questions or would like to discuss things further. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you and Angela.

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Thanks Jamey, I will pass on the info to the council, is this meeting just with the Tribal council or the public too?

Harriet Kaufman

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Greetings,

I spoke with Dennis yesterday about setting up a meeting in Tyonek during the second week of June to discuss the issue of EPA discontinuing our role as lead agency for the Chuitna Environmental Impact Statement and, presumably, transferring that role over to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

We have a meeting with the Corps scheduled for June 9th and were wondering if we could meet with you all on Thursday June 10th (most preferred option) or Friday June 11th.

Please let me know if either of these two dates will work for you all to meet. Thanks in advance.

p.s. Angela and Harriet, I tried to email you both three baseline reports yesterday but the files were too big. I am sending you both a cd with the reports this afternoon. The reports are: 1) 2009 Chuit River Fish Monitoring Results 2) Spring/Seeps Report 3) Lakes report.

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